

UNITED STATES ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY (U.S. EPA)

FACT SHEET

STATEMENT OF BASIS
for
Wolf Lake Terminals
Hammond, Indiana

BACKGROUND INFORMATION

Wolf Lake Terminals is performing environmental corrective action at its facility in Hammond, Indiana. The corrective action is being performed under the authority of the Resource Conservation and Recovery Act (RCRA). The Statement of Basis prepared by U.S. EPA provides a summary of Wolf Lake Terminals investigation defining the nature and extent of contamination at and from its facility, and a summary of Wolf Lake Terminals study of viable remedies. This Statement of Basis also specifies the remedy proposed by U.S. EPA to clean up contamination at and from the facility.

SITE FEATURES

The site is located in the northwestern corner of Indiana's Lake County at the address of 3200 Sheffield Avenue, Hammond, Indiana 46325. The site is bounded on the north, west and south by vacant land that is infrequently used for recreational purposes and bordered by the surface water bodies that make up the Wolf Lake recreational area. The southeast portion of the facility is bordered by the strategic minerals reserve of the U.S. Department of Defense, Defense Logistics Agency. No residential properties are located adjacent to the WLT site property. The WLT site is comprised of approximately 34 acres of land. The physical layout of the site is characterized by a single controlled access entry through a gate on the southeast corner. The dominant feature of the entire facility is the tank farm. The tank farm is located over most the property with 115 tanks of various sizes and configurations located within 14 separate diked areas.

WLT site has been a bulk storage depot/terminal from its construction to the present. The site was originally reportedly operated as a strategic reserve for whale and vegetable oils. The types of products handled at the site includes base oils, white oils, corn syrups, and glycols. Record also show that few of the tanks within the tank farm were used to store used fuel oils and spent solvents. WLT is not a treatment, storage or disposal facility. WLT operates under a small quantity generator status.

NATURE AND EXTENT OF CONTAMINATION

As a function of the investigative activities conducted during the Agreed Order, WLT submitted a Facility Assessment Report on investigation conducted at Tank Nos. 26 and 32 to the IDEM in April 1996. The Facility Assessment Report noted the presence of concentrations of three metals and four VOCs in facility soils above the clean up levels specified in the Order. Soils were determined to have concentrations of lead above background near each of Tank Nos. 26 and 32.

REMEDIES PROPOSED BY U.S. EPA

The U.S. EPA is proposing the following remedy to address all contaminated media at WLT Hammond, Indiana facility:

- Excavation, removal and disposal of soils impacted with lead concentrations above the U.S. EPA's risk-based threshold in areas surrounding Tank No. 26 and Tank No. 32.
- Placement of Institutional Control on the property to restrict the use of the property to commercial and industrial uses.

INFORMATION REPOSITORY

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The **Statement of Basis** is presented to the public for review and comment. You may send written comments to:

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